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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS INFO TO USNMR SHAPE AND
CINC EUR VAIHINGEN.

MILITARY ADDEES TREAT AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE.

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR, GW
SUBJECT: MBFR: FRG PROPOSAL ON DATA ISSUE

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1. ON MAY 23 WE MET WITH RUTH, ACCOMPANIED BY RUECK-
RIEGEL, TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED PARAS
2-14 REF A.

2. AFTER READING THE NON-PAPER, RUTH RESPONDED
THAT IT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF ELEMENTS PARALLEL TO
FRG THINKING. RUTH SAID HE FORESAW NO INSURMOUNTABLE
DIFFICULTIES AND WAS ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH US
AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE IN DEVELOPING A
COMMON POSITION.

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3. RUTH CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD STILL NOT
YET RECEIVED A GREEN LIGHT FROM FORMIN GENSCHER. HE
THEN POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS REFERRING SPECIFICALLY
TO THE POINTS CONTAINED IN THE FRG PAPER WHICH WERE
POSED AS QUESTIONS (SECTO 4017). RUTH CONTINUED
THAT THE DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR IDENTIFYING UNITS

BY COUNTRY WAS ONLY A STEP AWAY FROM PROVIDING NATIONAL DATA AND WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTY FOR THE FRG, BELGIUM AND OTHERS. HE SAID CURRENT FRG THINKING WAS TO PRESENT DATA EITHER BY LOCATION OR BY OFFICIAL DESIGNATION. RUTH ILLUSTRATED THIS BY CITING THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST ARMY DIETZ; OR
VII (U.S.) CORPS

4. RUTH EMPHASIZED THE EITHER/OR CHARACTER OF THIS THEORETICAL CONCEPT AND STRESSED THAT IT WAS NOT A CONFIRMED POSITION.

5. REGARDING LANGUAGE FOR A DISCLAIMER, RUTH SAID THE LANGUAGE SET FORTH IN REF B WAS NOT SATISFACTORY SINCE IT REFERRED TO NATIONAL MANPOWER TOTALS. HE SAID THE DISCLAIMER LANGUAGE WOULD HAVE TO BE "BROADENED" AND THAT THE FRG WAS CONSIDERING WHAT ELEMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

6. RUTH SAID HE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH PARA 14 REF A THAT THE QUESTION OF NATO PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL MANPOWER FIGURES WAS A SEPARATE ISSUE. STOESEL

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USNMR SHAPE AND CINCEUR.

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